During the 40 day period between Christ’s Resurrection and His Ascension, Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples and followers, helping them to understand His death and resurrection, and teaching them about what was to happen once He ascended into heaven.

Would His ministry now come to end? Would His Good News of unconditional love, unconquerable hope, and joyful healing and salvation be limited to only the handful of believers who heard Him and met Him? What would happen to this small, Jewish sect of believers and what was their role in the world after Jesus left?

Christ commanded his followers to vigilantly wait during this post-Resurrectional period for something special to occur. “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

With the coming of the Holy Spirit, (the feast of PENTECOST which we celebrate on June 23), the foundation of the Church was laid. Jesus Christ did not abandon his followers with His Ascension, but sent down the Holy Spirit to abide with them, guide them, inspire them, comfort them, and empower them. God promised to stay abundantly present among the disciples, filling them with His power and peace.

So the first Christians continued the ministry and work of their Lord - in the local area where they were (the city of Jerusalem), AS WELL AS in the surrounding area of
The mission of Sts. Constantine and Helen Church is to proclaim the Good News of Salvation through the Orthodox Christian Faith for the glory of our Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are a community of believers who journey towards our Lord Jesus Christ and one another through our WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, WITNESS, and SERVICE. We invite all people to join us on this journey in the Kingdom of Heaven.

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CONTINUING THE WORK OF CHRIST

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Judea, AS WELL AS in the nearby enemy territory of Samaria, AS WELL AS to the ends of the earth!

Christ made very clear that the Good News of His love and His message of salvation should never be limited - neither to only one group of people or even to only one particular area. THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE! And it is up to the followers of Jesus, it is the Church’s responsibility, OUR RESPONSIBILITY, to continue this work even today!

Every baptized Christian has received the Holy Spirit, and the power that comes with it, at the moment of our baptism. We are all empowered again each time we come to Church and receive Holy Communion. In fact, every day in our morning prayers we invoke the Holy Spirit to come upon us - “O heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth... come and abide with us.”

We, the Church Family of Sts. Constantine and Helen in Webster, have this great privilege to continue the work of Jesus Christ, to imitate the first Church and share the Lord’s light in Webster, throughout Massachusetts and America, as well as around the world. What an exciting challenge for us to fulfill. This is what it means to be Orthodox Christians!!!

As we celebrate Pentecost, and think about how to fulfill this task, let us realize that God is giving us His Holy Spirit also to guide us and lead us to live holy lives. With the Holy Spirit in us, we all have the ability to become saints! It is not by coincidence that the Sunday after Pentecost is called the Sunday of All Saints. The Church reminds us of OUR calling to holiness and sainthood! And ultimately, this is the greatest witness we can offer the world around us - the witness of living a holy, Christ-centered life!

With love in our Lord Jesus Christ,
+Luke
BEARING FRUIT IN CHRIST

“I am the vine, and you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing… As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.” (John 15:5,9)

I think of these verses from the Gospel of John, especially as we continue through the Spring season and get ready to enter into Summer. I see people planting their gardens, caring for their lawns, and beautifying their homes. We put forth much effort in giving attention to our properties, but what about our own spiritual lives?

The opening verses about vines and branches point to the essence of the Christian life, which is to walk with God at all times and to know that His loving presence surrounds us continually. When we forget this central aspect of faith, or when we consciously ignore or even reject it, we then lose our spiritual bearings in life. And once we separate ourselves from the Source of Life, once we cut the branch from the vine, then there is only one consequence - the branch will wither and die, just as our souls will grow distant from their Creator and slowly shrivel and waste away.

Thus, Jesus reminds us, nudges us, calls to us, longs for us, and even pursues us each and every day. He loves us so much, that he won’t leave us alone. He wants to unite with us. Yet, at the same time He respects our freedom. He comes to us daily in countless ways, gently knocking at the door of our heart, but then waits for us to freely open it up and invite Him in. When we chose to open our heart, He joyously enters in and gladly dwells with us. When we chose to ignore Him, He doesn’t get angry or upset, but He simply and patiently waits.

Of course, we must remember that God isn’t motivated by any human desire or need. His motivation is pure and simple - He waits because of His unconditional and unfathomable love. He created us. He brought us to life. He has an ultimate plan that will bring us complete joy and fulfillment. And He passionately loves us and longs to be with us! Remember, He is our Creator, our God, and our heavenly Father.

When and if we do accept His invitation to enter into our heart, than an immediate consequence occurs - we will bear fruit, an abundance of spiritual fruit. This is the most definite way of understanding whether one authentically walks with Christ or not - by the fruit of their lives.

And what is this fruit that we will bear if we abide in Christ? St. Paul beautifully describes it as “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control.” These holy virtues will dominate in our lives. A deep joy that no earthly challenge can take away. A peace that passes all human understanding. A love that transcends any boundaries or limits. A kindness and goodness that touch every person we meet. A humility that understands that the root of all goodness comes from God Himself.

Other apparent fruit will be a spirit of mercy, kindness and compassion towards others, especially towards those in need; our readiness to forgive and reconcile with one another, even with our worst enemies; our attitude of continual repentance, where we daily evaluate and judge ourselves in light of the Gospel and then unceasingly strive to turn back towards God.

The fruit of a vibrant and living relationship with God will surely include a generous heart towards others. Jesus taught us how it is
more blessed to give than to receive. When we abide outside of a relationship with God, we cynically question this attitude. Yet, when we authentically have Christ dwelling in us, we adopt the “mind of Christ” which has no self-centeredness within it. Just as our Lord gave abundantly and freely, we will find ultimate joy in doing the same. Jesus didn’t count the cost, but found delight in giving freely and giving richly. In fact, He emphasized that no one can show greater love than actually giving all that we have for others, including one’s own life. So the fruit of generously giving of our time, our talents, our treasure, and our life itself is a clear sign that God dwells within us.

As Orthodox Christians and followers of Jesus Christ, we must learn to understand that our central purpose in life is to abide with God and bear the fruit described above for His name’s sake, for His glory. “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit My Father takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” (John 15:2)

If we are not bearing Spirit-filled fruit in our lives, the time will come when God will “gather the withered branches and throw them into the fire, where they will be burned” (John 15:6)

And even if we do see signs of genuine fruit in our lives, we should never become complacent or content. The spiritual life is all about a continual pruning process, where even a good branch is pruned to bear more and more fruit. There is never an end to the blessed fruit we can produce and with which we can glory God’s holy name!

As we work in our gardens and out in the lawn this summer, let us always remember the garden of our heart, and thus, strive to harvest a rich crop of abundant fruit, all for the glory of God!

FILL US O HOLY SPIRIT

The feast of Pentecost, equal in importance to Pascha in the Orthodox Church, describes the time when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles, enlightening them and transforming them from illiterate, even cowardly, fishermen to bold, courageous spirit-filled preachers and witnesses of the Good News. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples went into the streets of Jerusalem and Peter preached before thousands of people - baptizing 3000 on that special day.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter and John courageously stood up in front of the authorities that crucified Jesus, and told them that they wouldn’t stay silent, but answered their accusing, “We must speak the things which we have seen and heard.” And they went on preaching, even though they would be imprisoned, beaten, and eventually killed.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles proclaimed the Good News, healed the sick, performed miracles, and even raised the dead. Most importantly, though, the Spirit of God gave the early Christians the courage to love their enemies and stand up for what they believed, even when confronted with the threat of persecution and martyrdom.

We contemporary Christians must realize that the gift of the Holy Spirit is just as much a gift for us today, as it was for the disciples of the first century. If we pray sincerely and open up our hearts to the Lord, Christ will come into our lives through His Holy Spirit and change us into new creations! On Pentecost Sunday, let us especially pray that the Spirit of God fill us with His ongoing presence, with His unconditional love, with His deep joy, with His unflinching courage, with His surpassing peace, and with all His gifts, so that our lives will become as fruitful and inspirational as the early Christians. This is our calling as followers of Jesus!
During the Last Supper our Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples that separation was near, that He was to ascend to His God and to His Father as He would repeat again to the women who came to the grave. And when their hearts were filled with sorrow at the thought that they will not see Him again, He said, “Your hearts are full with sorrow and yet, you should rejoice for Me that I am returning to My Father. But I will not,” he added, “leave you orphan, I will send you the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, whom I will send to you and who will teach you all things.” And so do we here now while we celebrate in the light of the Ascension.

St. Paul grieved about the necessity of living in the world and in the flesh. He said, “To me life is Christ and death would be a gain, a blessing, because as long as we are in the flesh, we are separated from Christ.” And yet, this separation is not total, we are not separated irremediably, we are not separated desperately from Christ if we only long for Him, if we only love Him, if as St. Paul longed to die to be inseparably forever with Him because according to the promise the Holy Spirit has come on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit whom we call the Comforter by word, which in ancient languages has a much wider meaning. It means the one who consoles, the one who gives strength, the one who brings joy. His presence indeed can console us from our separation from Christ because the Holy Spirit, if we only live according to the Gospel, if we become not only in word or in imagination but in all truth, in action and in thought, in our heart and in our being disciples of Christ, the Holy Spirit dwells in us. We become His temples and He speaks to us either in unutterable groaning or with that wonderful clarity that allows us to call ‘Father’ the God of Heaven because in Christ and by the power of the Spirit we have become the children of the Living God.

So the separation from Christ is a separation in space, it is the loss of that moving, wonderful contact of humanity as we know it on earth but it is the beginning of a new discovery of Christ, the Christ not only risen but ascended, the Christ who according to the Ascension Gospel is resplendent with the glory, the shining that belonged to Him before all ages, the shining, the resplendence, the splendor of Divinity. And it is this Christ whom we meet in prayer, whom we discover through and in the Holy Sacraments, to whom we can get united only by a faithfulness in life, it is this Christ of whom Paul speaks when he says, “We no longer know Christ according to the flesh”, we do not touch Him as Thomas did, we do not hear and see Him as Apostles and the women, and all crowds of people did, but we know the Christ of the Spirit, the risen and ascended Christ, who is everywhere where two or three are gathered together, who is everywhere when a lonely soul cries for Him, when a life is being dedicated to Him.

And so we are confronted with this mystery of a separation, which is a victory, a separation, which leads us to a new knowledge, to a new discovery of Christ. His Divinity is no longer veiled for us by His human presence, He is revealed to us as God resplendent not only in His Godhead but also in His humanity. And so it happens also all the time when people meet on a human level and then discover one another in the Holy Spirit, a discovery that makes humanity resplendent with eternity.

Let us rejoice in the Ascension but also let us remember upcoming Pentecost by presenting ourselves to the descent of the Holy Spirit as the Apostles offered themselves to Him 2,000 years ago. To do this we must be disciples of Christ, we must be faithful to His teachings, we must follow the example He gave us, we must be in the world in which we live an incarnate presence of Christ and the temple of Spirit, a vanguard of the Kingdom.

Let us prepare ourselves by searching our lives, by rejecting at least in intention and determination all that is unworthy of our calling. Let us prepare ourselves to come open, empty to be filled with the Spirit, so that we truly may be also in an ever-increasing way become the temples of His presence.
The Mother of God and the Saints whose memory we celebrate on All Saints Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost, are known to us because God has revealed them, and because they have been understood and recognized, either by their contemporaries, or years, at times - centuries later, all the Saints are the response of the earth to the love of God. And this response is given by them not only in their own name but in the name of all creation and in our names also; because each of us has the privilege to be called by one name, our Christian name, the name of one of those Saints. And the Saints whose names are ours stand before God and pray that their name should not be made unworthy in the eyes of the Lord. The Saints of God embrace the whole of Creation in their love, in their intercession, in their prayer, in their real, continuous presence. How wonderful it is that we belong to this vast family of men, of women, of children who have understood what the Lord meant when He came, and lived, taught and died for us! They responded with their own heart, they understood with all their mind, and they accepted His message with all their determination, to overcome in themselves all that have been the cause of the crucifixion; because if only one person on earth had strayed, fallen away from God, Christ would have come to save at the cost of His life. This is His own testimony to a Saint of the early centuries who had been praying that the sinners should be confounded; and He appeared to him, and said, Never pray that way! If one sinner have existed, I would have died for him.

The Saints are people who responded to love by love, people who realized that if someone can die for them, their only response of gratitude is to become such that he should not have died in vain. To take up our cross means exactly this: to turn away from all those things which are Christ's death and crucifixion, from all those things which sur-
A BIG THANKS to Charlie and Helen Pappas for donating our Church Feastday Dinner, and to our Philoptochos Women, Stergios and Vange Giantsis, our Youth Servers, and everyone else who helped make the event special.

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Congratulations to Harry and Tina Jordanoglou

On June 9th, Harry and Tina Jordanoglou will be honored at the annual Metropolis of Boston Awards Banquet for their Faithful Service to our Church.

The Jordanoglous have been lifelong, faithful members of our Sts. Constantine and Helen Church Family. Harry has served the Church in many ways, including as Parish Council President and as a council member for many years. He was one of the initiators in starting our annual Church Festival back in 1982.

Tina has been a member of the Philoptochos all her adult life, including serving as an officer.

They continue to help with the Church Festival and are always ready to support the Church in any way they can.

In their older age, they love to see their two children, children-in-law, and three grandchildren actively participate in the life of our Church. We thank God for their love of God, their Orthodox Faith and the Church, and we pray that God grant them many more years!
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HOLY WEEK & PASCHA 2013

Christ is Risen!!!

Holy Friday: Our “Myrrhbearing” Girls
Our Easter Egg Hunt
Congratulations on the 40 Day Churching of Maximos Sotirios, the son of Chuck and Misty Pappas

Greek Dance Troupe “CAR WASH” & Yard Sale

9:30-1:30 Saturday, June 22 (Rain Date June 23)

(Drop off Yard Sale Items June 21 from 5:00-7:00pm
Talk to Nicoleta Cojocaru or Sophia Foisy for details)
**USHERS & GREETERS SCHEDULE**

**June 2**
Marie McNally, Eric Beland, Matt Benoit, Zach Gianaris, Lisa Healy Betty Vriga

**June 9**
Neal Neslusan, Arthur Vogel, Anton Cojocaru, Gus Koulax,

**June 16**
Bill Condos, Chris Constantine, Barbara Giannaris, Dan Healy, Dan Rivelli

**June 23**
Arthur Bilis & Del Monroe, Chris Geotis, Thomai Gatzogianis, Trish Laurea, Leah DiDonato

**June 30**
Marie McNally, Eric Beland, Matt Benoit, Zach Gianaris, Lisa Healy Betty Vriga

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:**

**June 2** - Thomai Gatsogiannis, Jaime Ross, Betty Tonna, Eleni Xanthopoulos, Kiku Andersen, Niki Raymond

**June 9** - Marie McNally, Christa Benoit, Sandi Kunkel, Betty Vriga, Barbara Choquet

**June 16** - Donna Cooney, Athena Cooney, Leah DiDonato, Sandra Roy, Bill Anthopoulos

**June 23** - Kathy Bilis, Charlotte Neslusan, Marie Monroe, Carolyn Niemeck, Deb Raymond

**June 30** - Thomai Gatsogiannis, Jaime Ross, Betty Tonna, Eleni Xanthopoulos, Kiku Andersen, Niki Raymond

**YOUTH EPISTLE READERS**

**June 2** – Olivia Neslusan
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**June 9** – Panayiota Veronis
(Acts 16:16-34 - page 56)

**June 16** – Theodora Veronis
(Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 - page 60)

**June 23** – Madison McWilliam
(Acts 2:1-11 - page 62)

**June 30** – Paris McWilliam
(Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 - page 64)

**July 7** Katerina McWilliam
(Romans 2:10-16 - page 66)

**LITURGICAL SERVICES**

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES**
(all Liturgies begin at 9:30am)

June 12 - Close of Pascha
June 13 - Feast of the Ascension
June 22 - Saturday of the Souls
June 24 - Birth of St. John the Baptist
June 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul

**GREAT VESPERS:**
Saturday 5:30 pm
June 15, 22, 29
Remembering Our Church Family

Important Dates in JUNE:

Try to make a visit, give a call, or express your congratulations to members of our Church family who celebrate special days during this month.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- June 1  Jimmy Milios
- June 2  Adam Rivelli
- June 2  Presbytera Faith Veronis
- June 4  Peter Christo
- June 5  Charles Pappas
- June 6  Nick Rivelli
- June 7  Charlie Christos (90th!!)
- June 8  Pauline Angelo
- June 11  Gabriela Ross
- June 12  Rose Angelo
- June 13  Claire Milios
- June 14  Arthur Bilis
- June 14  Dan Rivelli
- June 15  Ron Sanderson
- June 16  Sam Pappas
- June 18  Victor Apostolou
- June 19  Olga Petluck
- June 21  Eva Pappas
- June 22  Athena Cooney
- June 23  Nikoleta Cojocaru
- June 25  Jennie Manthos
- June 26  Nike Beaudry

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

- June 1  Ted & Gail Avlas
- June 3  Matt & Christa Benoit
- June 13  Dan & Susan Rivelli
- June 16  Harry & Catherine Jordanoglou
- June 18  Anestis & Evis Jordanoglou
- June 19  Charles & Ann Chito
- June 24  Nicholas & Rose Angelo
- June 27  Angelo & Dhimitra Adamopoulos

**NAMEDAYS:**

- June 2  St Nikiphoros Nick Popiak
- June 14  St. Methodios His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios
- June 24  St Elizabeth Elizabeth Cojocaru Lisa Grzyb Betty Tonna Betty Vriga
- June 29  Sts Peter and Paul Pauline Angelo Peter Christo Petru Cojocaru Peter George Paul Geotis Paul Karapanos Pauline Mueller Peter Porazzo Paul Veronis Apostolos Xanthopoulos
THE CHURCH’S POSITION ON CREMATION

**QUESTION:** Cremation is becoming more and more common. Some say because of cost factors, and others because of a new fashion. Statistics show that 25% of Americans are now choosing cremation over burial for their loved ones. What is the position of the Orthodox Church for cremation?

**ANSWER:** The Church, throughout history, has rejected cremation as a proper treatment to a dead body. Fr. Stanley Harakas writes, “Because the Orthodox Faith affirms the fundamental goodness of creation, it understands the body to be an integral part of the human person and the temple of the Holy Spirit, and expects the resurrection of the dead. The Church considers cremation to be the deliberate desecration and destruction of what God has made and ordained for us.”

Some people say that cremation is a more dignified way to treat a dead body, but they don’t realize what actually happens during the process of cremation. The body is incinerated at temperatures between 1400 and 2100 degree Fahrenheit during which most of the body organs and tissues are vaporized. What remains are the bones, which are then placed in a grinding pulverizer which grinds the bones into ashes.

The Church insists that the body be buried so that the natural physical process of decomposition may take place. The Bible says, “From dust we came and to dust we return.” Thus, the Church believes a certain amount of respect be maintained for the human body that was once the temple of a human soul. Due to a pastoral concern for the preservation of right beliefs and right practice within the Tradition of the Fathers, and out of a sense of reverence for its departed, the Church continues to oppose cremation.

Each Orthodox Christian should know that since cremation is prohibited by the canons [rules of the Church], those who insist on their own cremation will not be permitted a funeral in the Church. Naturally, an exception occurs when the Church is confronted with the case of some accident or natural disaster where cremation is necessary to guard the health of the living. In these special situations, the Church allows cremation of Orthodox people with prior episcopal permission and only by "economia."
STEWARDSHIP

The beginning of stewardship and the end of stewardship both occur in one place - in the heart of a Christian. Stewardship has a three-fold purpose. When carried out, it accomplishes many benefits for the Kingdom of God and the life of the Christian. This three-fold purpose is as follows:

1. Stewardship should glorify and honor God.
2. Stewardship advances the kingdom of God.
3. Proper stewardship will bless the steward.

Proverbs says, “Honor the Lord with your substance and with your possessions.”

Ask yourself, “Does the stewardship of my finances honor God?” In managing money, do you consider and plan prayerfully, giving priority to God and the things that are of interest and importance to Him? You honor the Lord with your substance by taking a certain portion of your finances and offering it to God as an act of worship. We honor God and his work when our stewardship is a generous portion of our income.

The second purpose of stewardship is to provide the means whereby the Kingdom of God can be advanced on earth. When you value the importance of spreading the Gospel and Orthodoxy, you will be motivated to do all you can to ensure that the work of His kingdom continues on earth. We must strive to share our priceless treasure of Faith with those in Webster, Dudley, Massachusetts and Connecticut, as well as nationally, and globally. Your stewardship offering has a direct impact on continuing the ministries of our Church on the parish, metropolis, national and global level.

The third purpose of stewardship is to bring blessings into your life. “Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you receive.” (Luke 6:38)

For stewardship to be successful and acceptable, it must be done with all your heart.

We have special maintenance projects being addressed:

1) Fixing the Roof
2) Creating a Backyard Playground Area for Kids
3) Rewiring Our Chandeliers
4) Fixing Cracks in Masonry
5) Renovating our Kitchen

Please keep up to date in your stewardship to help us take care of these needs.
HOLY SCRIPTURE ON PENTECOST

“The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things, and bring to remembrance all things that I said.”

John 14:26

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

“Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Acts 2:3-4

DAILY BIBLE READINGS JUNE

June 1 Acts 12:1-11 John 8:31-42
June 2 Acts 11:19-30 John 4:5-42
June 3 Acts 12:12-17 John 8:42-51
June 4 Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:1-9
June 7 Acts 15:5-12 John 10:17-28
June 8 Ephesians 2:4-10 Matthew 10:16-22

June 10 Acts 17:1-9 John 11:47-54
June 12 Acts 18:22-28 John 12:36-47
June 15 Acts 20:7-12 John 14:10-21

June 22 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 John 21:14-25

June 24 Ephesians 5:8-19 Matthew 18:10-20
June 26 Romans 1:18-27 Matthew 5:20-26
June 27 Romans 1:28-2:9 Matthew 5:27-32
June 28 Romans 2:14-28 Matthew 5:33-41
June 29 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 Matthew 16:13-19

June 30 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 10:32-38
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HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

My father didn’t tell me how to live; He lived and let me watch him do it.
Clarence Kelland

My father used to play with me in the yard. My mother would come out and yell at us for messing up the grass. “We’re not raising grass,” my father would reply, “We’re raising boys!”
Harmon Killebrew

One father is worth more than a hundred schoolmasters.
George Herbert

When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant that I could barely stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.
Mark Twain

Father, Your guiding hand will remain with me forever.
Author Unknown

Any man can be a dad, but it takes a special man to be a father.
Author Unknown

Every parent is at some time the father of the unreturned prodigal, with nothing to do but keep the house open to hope.
John Clardi

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall, but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes, but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.
Author Unknown